GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified educationally backward districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the development of educationally backward districts during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether any target has been fixed for this purpose for the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (e) : No general identification of educationally backward districts has taken place. Districts where female literacy rate is below the national average are eligible for coverage under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) which seeks toachieve universalisation of elementary education by adopting an area specific approach with the district as the unit of planning. During the Eighth Five Year Plan 59 districts were covered under DPEP.During the Ninth Planthe programme has been extended to 160 districts in 15 States. These districts also receive assistance under other Centrally Sponsored Schemes including Operation Black-board, National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education and Total Literacy Campaigns.